THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) and (b) In view of the nature of duty performed by the personnel of Central Police Force deployed in Field formations, except in CISF, they are allowed two months annual leave and fifteen days casual leave as against one month and eight days respectively in static formation. This is to ensure adequate rest and recuperation In CISF, however, since most of the personnel are allowed to live with family, one month's annual leave and re-imbursement of one month's pay in lieu of one month's leave is allowed. Government have also enhanced authorization for family accommodation in CPFs. Recreational and entertainment facilities are provided for the personnel The rotational training of the personnel provides a break from monotonous duties. In some Forces, Yoga and meditation has been made an integral part of training programmes. However, in view of some recent incidents of shooting by the CPF personnel, Government has ordered a study by Bureau of Police Research & Development in consultation with the National Institute of Criminology and Forensic Science on stress management in the force personnel

Steps to Curb fundamentalist organisations

342. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the activists of Durga Vahini, an outfit of Vishwa Hindu Parishad are being imparted rifle-shooting training and regular military drills;

(b) if so, whether alarmed at this development, Muslim fundamentalist organisations have planned to distribute Panchatan Pak (five forked weapon) to its activists to counter the growing threat posed by VHP/RSS; and

(c) the steps being taken to curb the fundamentalist/communal organisations spreading communal rife and disharmony?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) and (b) It is reported that Durga Vahini, an outfit of Vishwa Hindu Parishad, has organized, camps at different places for imparting training in physical exercises including Yoga, Judo, Karate,

rope-climbing and river crossing, use of air guns, lathies etc. The Tahfooz-o-Mulko-Millet is also reported to have distributed some trishuls at two or three separate places in the State of Uttar Pradesh.

(c) Public Order and 'Police' appear at Entry No. 1 and 2 or List II-State List of the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India. Hence, it is the primary responsibility of the State Governments to maintain Public Order and Peace including registration, investigation of crime and compiling of data relating to communal incidents. The State Governments take action against organizations/individuals whose activities are prejudicial to the security of the country and have the potential of disturbing peace and communal harmony under the provisions of IPC, POTA and NSA etc.

The activities of all organizations having a bearing on maintenance of communal harmony in the country are under constant watch of law enforcement agencies and requisite legal action is taken, including imposition of ban, wherever necessary.

Review Committee on POTA

343 DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Committee set up by the Central Government to review the working of POTA has since started functioning; and

(b) if so, whether any report has since been submitted by the Committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

Amendment in IMDT Act

344. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to amend the Illegal Migrants Determination by Tribunal (IMDT) Act in the Monsoon Session of Parliament;